

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2024 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-006-2024

Proposed by Council Member Oriadha

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Blegay, Watson, Olson, Ivey, Burroughs,  
Hawkins, Dernoga and Franklin

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction February 13, 2024

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2       The Healthy Food in Prince George’s County Correctional Facilities Task Force  
3 For the purpose of creating a task force that will recommend to the County Council, sitting as the  
4 Board of Health, and eventually the State of Maryland Secretary of Public Safety and  
5 Correctional Services and the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards, nutritional, food  
6 safety, and other standards suitable for the correctional facility meal program that support the  
7 health, well-being, and religious and cultural identities of detained individuals and incarcerated  
8 individuals, align with the GFPP (Center for Good Food Purchasing’s Good Food Purchasing  
9 Program) core values, meet or exceed the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and consider the  
10 daily caloric and serving size needs of the populations served.

11       WHEREAS, there is a concern that the inmates at the County Adult Detention Center are  
12 not receiving adequate nutritional, food safety, and other standards suitable for the correctional  
13 facility meal program that support the health, well-being, and religious and cultural identities of  
14 detained individuals and incarcerated individuals; and

15       WHEREAS, these disparities ultimately result in public health issues for incarcerated  
16 individuals.

17       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
18 County, Maryland, that no later than ninety (90) days, the County Executive and the County  
19 Council shall convene a task force, known as the Healthy Food in Prince George’s County  
20 Correctional Facilities Task Force. The County Executive and the County Council

1 shall fill all task force vacancies within 30 days or before the next task force meeting, whichever  
2 comes first.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Healthy Food in  
4 Prince George’s County Correctional Facilities Task Force shall be composed of fourteen (14)  
5 members:

6 1. One (1) member appointed by the County Council Chair;

7 2. With approval from the County Council, the County Executive shall appoint one  
8 representative from each of the following County agencies to the Task Force:

9 (i) Department of Corrections;

10 (ii) Department of the Environment;

11 (iii) Department of Health & Human Services;

12 3. The County Council shall also appoint:

13 (i) Two individuals who are currently incarcerated in correctional facilities  
14 and shall aim to minimize turnover in these task force seats;

15 (ii) An individual with expertise in researching and implementing food policy  
16 in carceral settings;

17 (iii) Two members of organizations that work with pre- and post-release  
18 formerly incarcerated populations in Prince George’s County;

19 (iv) A member of the Prince George’s County Returning Citizens Affairs  
20 Division;

21 (v) A registered dietitian;

22 (vi) A member affiliated with a nonprofit organization that focuses on urban  
23 farming in Prince George’s County; and

24 (vii) A member affiliated with a food justice and farming organization working  
25 in Prince George’s County; and

26 (viii) A member affiliated with Prince George’s Community College.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than one (1) year after it is convened, the Task  
28 Force shall recommend to the County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, nutritional, food  
29 safety, and other standards suitable for the correctional facility meal program that support the  
30 health, well-being, and religious and cultural identities of detained individuals and incarcerated  
31 individuals, align with the GFPP (Center for Good Food Purchasing’s Good Food Purchasing

1 Program) core values, meet or exceed the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, consider the daily  
2 caloric and serving size needs of the populations served, and educational components for healthy  
3 eating and ways to obtain healthier food.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than one (1) year after it is convened, the  
5 Task Force shall recommend to the County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, nutritional  
6 standards for correctional facility commissaries that support the health, well-being, and religious  
7 and cultural identities of detained individuals and incarcerated individuals, align with the GFPP  
8 core values, and meet or exceed the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jolene Ivey  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council